

**ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE**



*Second of Christmas*



**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**“The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.”**

**TUESDAY: The feast of THE EPIPHANY Mass at 10am.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday & Thursday 10am, Friday 7.30pm**

**WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil: 7pm, Sunday: 10am**

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the society in December. Amount raised was £2,300.00 including a cheque for £500.00

**DECEASED: Kathleen McAuley, (Mother of Joanne Kerr) David Magee, Glenravel**

**MONTH'S MIND: Mark Kearns, Saturday 7pm, Brendan Graham Sunday 10am**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Fyfe, Eileen O'Boyle, James McMullan, Bishop Patrick Walsh, Nora Brady, Philomena Baker, Vincent McHenry, Paddy Murray, Elizabeth Leech, Mary & James McAuley**

***New Year's Pray***

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

*Christmas: family feast*

Jesus grew up like all of us in a family – coming from the family of heaven to that of Mary and Joseph and their extended family. We know his grandparents' names; he had cousins and he didn't get on with them all; he had an aunt as the wife of Clopas.

All of us are children, some are parents, some are grandparents, aunts and uncles. All play an important role in the lives of the family – the younger generation. Where Church and state strengthen and support parents and children they are doing something essential.

None of us has the perfect family. Families include people with all sorts of difficulties – alcohol or drugs, crime and prison, people who don't talk to each other; families who had to leave home and come to Ireland for work, or leave Ireland for work. Joseph and Mary had their family difficulties – their child could have been killed by a mad king Herod, and they couldn't go home for fear of him; Joseph died leaving Mary a widow, and Jesus was murdered in front of his mother. *The holy family know what family life is about, and our faith is a support to family life*



In our family we learn most of the important things of life. We salute today families who survive and support each other in difficult times: parents bringing up their children in a one-parent family; grandparents making sacrifices for another generation; people widowed and living now without their loved ones; adoptive and foster parents. We thank our parents and families for sacrifices made to bring us up.

*Jesus, guide us in life;  
Mary, look after us;  
Joseph, pray for us.*